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Director's Message Hubert F. Harrell

I can't believe that it is now 2015 but I am excited about the future of our Academy. We are continuing to try and improve our training and will hopefully announce a new and improved online venue for training. I know that everyone has seen in the media the many concerns about law enforcement and the perception of the way we do our job. I also know that we are accustomed to the scrutiny provided by the media, community action groups, special interest groups and even our own professional organizations. It is indeed sad that we are all painted with the same brush, but that is the nature of what we do. We are accountable for our actions, not only to the public but to each other. I will acknowledge that some of us have fallen short of the standards we have established for ourselves and it is sometimes an embarrassment to our profession, but then, I also recognize that we are human, subject to human failings. I am also reminded that for every misdeed that some members of our profession

are credited with, there are hundreds more good deeds that go unpublished, unnoticed and certainly unrewarded. That is the nature of what we do as public servants and this aspect of our profession was aptly recorded in a Facebook posting by Chief Saundra Rhodes of the Horry County Police Department. I am taking the liberty of including it in our newsletter.

Horry Police Chief Saundra Rhodes shares her thoughts on the dedication of officers here, and everywhere.

By Saundra Rhodes-January 3, 2015

I have sat by quietly for weeks now and listened to or read posts of people that I genuinely consider friends, speak so ill of my fellow law enforcement officers.

I told myself repeatedly that it is simply because they do not have a true understanding and that all of their opinions are based upon the negative incidents that are portrayed by the national media.

I acknowledge that there are some officers who should not



be police officers and that our criminal justice system does not always get it right.

I think that it's time that I give my friends my perspective.

I am a police officer, it's not just a job; I am just as much a police officer as I am a mother, I am just as much a police officer as I am a daughter, a sister, a cousin and a friend.

It is not just a job to me and it's not just a job to most of my fellow brothers and sisters who wear the badge with pride.

It was not a job that caused Officer Bo Sauls to buy the baby formula that his suspect was trying to steal to feed her

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baby, instead of taking her to jail. That selfless act was due to him being just as much a police officer as he is a son and a father.

It was not the job that caused Officer Richard Ernest to go home and take an air conditioner from his garage and go back to a ladies house and install it for her after he had responded there for something else but noticed she had no air.

It was not a job that caused my officers to go out and find furniture for a family that had none so that they would no longer have to sleep on the floor; they did this because they are police officers.

It was not the job that caused Cpl. Brad Thompson to not stop until he found the suspect that stole an elderly ladies appliances and made the suspect load them back up on his pickup truck and return them to the victim before he took him to jail, he did this because he is just as much a police officer as he is a grandson.

It was not a job that caused Detective Heather Brummett's life to be changed forever as she was forced to shoot and kill a suspect that was trying to kill another officer; it was her devotion to the life that she chose and that choice of being there to arrest a suspect has caused her to never be the same person that she was before.

Finally, it was not a job that made all of my officers leave their families on Christmas Day to search for a missing 4 year old autistic boy who had wandered away from his family's vacation home.

It was not the job that made them willingly walk through mud, woods and water searching every nook and cranny for young Jayden.

It was not the job that caused me to watch as this baby was pulled from the water, nor was it the job that caused me to hold his father's hand as he kissed his baby goodbye for the last time and to hold that mother and not be able to offer an explanation of why bad things happen to good people.

No it was not a job that caused me to hold in my emotions and to be strong for people that I had never met before, knowing that young Jayden reminded me so much of my own "grand baby" Zaezion and that all I wanted to do was to get home to him and hear him yell out for his mema.

It was not a job that caused me to be strong for this family although I wanted to fall apart and cry with them.

We are police officers, we are willing to head towards the gunfire when everyone else is running away.

We are police officers, we are the ones who tell parents that their child is dead and then hold them as long as necessary as they cry out in sorrow.

We are police officers, we are the ones who respond when a husband is beating his wife and then take the hits from her as she tries to prevent us from taking him to jail.

We are police officers, we are the ones who will listen to you call us pigs, pieces of crap and murderers; yet will head your direction with lights and siren the minute that you need us, because We are police officers.

This is your Academy.

JP Strom Award Winners October–December 2014



BLE 622

David G. McWatters
Charleston County Sheriff's Office



BLE 623

Rachel M. Richman
SC Department of Health and Environmental Control



BLE 624

Christina Robinson
Myrtle Beach Police Department



BLE 625

Jolene M. Hiller
SC Probation, Parole and Pardon

Bert Friday Award Winners October–December 2014



BD 344

Sharicka A. Taylor
Orangeburg County Detention Center



BD 346

Melanie L. Coleman
Hill-Finklea County Detention Center

Basic Class Information

Basic Law Classes

B 627 November 3, 2014 – February 13, 2015
 B 628 December 1, 2014 – March 6, 2015
 B 629 January 5, 2015– March 27, 2015
 B 630 January 26–April 17, 2015
 B 631 February 16–May 8, 2015
 B 632 March 9–May 29, 2015
 B 633 March 30–June 19, 2015
 B 634 April 20–July 17, 2015

Limited Duty February 2–12, 2015

Basic Detention Classes

BD 347 January 12 – 30, 2015
 BD 348 February 9–27, 2015
 BD 349 March 16–April 3, 2015
 BD 350 April 13– May 1, 2015
 BD 351 May 11–May 29, 2015

Basic TCO (formerly E-911)

BTOT 193 February 23–March 6, 2015
 BTOT 194 April 6–17, 2015
 BTOT 195 May 18–29, 2015

BASIC LAW SFST DRINKING LAB

With the addition of SFST and Datamaster DMT classes in the new 12 week basic training curriculum, it will be necessary to ask the field to assist us with volunteer drinkers. I believe this training will assist officers in not only DUI detection, but also help officers to recognize when subjects are impaired. This can make a huge difference in what approach an officer will take when handling various situations. We need approximately 250 volunteers per year. I know this sounds like a lot, but that is less than one percent of South Carolina's police population. If you can be of assistance or have any questions please contact Michael Brantley of the Traffic Safety Unit at (803)896-7791 jmbrantley@sccja.sc.gov or Dale Smith at (803) 896-5556 desmith@sccja.sc.gov.

Below you will find a list of dates we need volunteers. We can provide rooms to any volunteer who will need to travel and stay overnight. Alcohol and meals are provided for all volunteers; however, if they desire to bring their own alcohol that is permitted.

Dates for BLE Drinking Lab 2014-2015

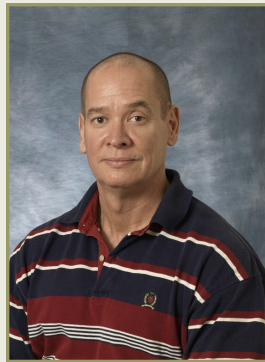
February 4th & 5th 2015
 February 25th & 26th 2015
 March 18th & 19th 2015
 April 8th & 9th 2015
 April 29th & 30th 2015
 May 20th & 21st 2015
 June 10th & 11th 2015



Welcome Our New Employees



Robert Allmann
Instructor
Police Science



Anthony Ayers
Instructor
Police Science



Phillip Chappell
Instructor
Traffic Safety



Devon Hughes
Instructor
Criminal Domestic Violence



Kim Stevens
Receptionist



Brad White
Instructor
Traffic Safety

Congratulations to our Retirees!



Katherine Gunter
Certification



Martha Harley
Food Services



Gloria Jordan
Facilities Management